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To VIKTOR.[1]

We are reporting information about "FRI".[ii] Fernando MECA Sanches, 35 years old, native of CARTA....[a]

[52 groups unrecoverable]

[1 group unrecovered] and ARAGON

[12 groups unrecovered].

He emigrated to FRANCE and then to MEXICO. He was a member of the Socialist Youth of SPAIN and after that of the Socialist Party. Here he belongs to PRIETO's [iii] group and enjoys his confidence. However MECA is very disapproving of PRIETO. For many years he has been a member of the Supreme Masonic Council of SPAIN.

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YuRLJ[iv]

Note : [a] This could be CARTAGENA.

Comments: [1] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

[ii] FRI : Presumably not the Fred

: Presumably not the Federal Bureau of Investigation which has the cover-name "KhATA". First occurrence of this cover-name. It possibly refers to MECA but this

is not quite olear from the text.

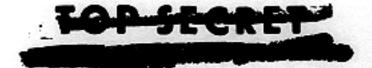
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[Comments [iii] and [iv] overleaf]

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PRIETO:

/ Presumably Indalecio PRIETO, a Spanish politician who
was leader of a Socialist minority among the Spaniards
in MEXICO. In 1945 he became Vice-Premier of the
Spanish Government-in-Exile.

[iv] YuRIJ : Lev. A. TARASOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in MEXICO CITY.

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